

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 563

By Roberts

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Lipscomb University volleyball team upon winning the 2011 Atlantic Sun Conference Tournament Championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Lipscomb University volleyball team, winner of the 2011 Atlantic Sun Conference Tournament Championship, is most assuredly one such estimable team; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic Sun Conference titles are achieved only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel together with a cooperative spirit; the Lipscomb Lady Bisons exhibited all of these rare qualities throughout their championship season; and

WHEREAS, under the astute leadership of Head Coach Brandon Rosenthal, the Lady Bisons won their third consecutive Atlantic Sun Conference Tournament Championship and made a third consecutive NCAA appearance; and

WHEREAS, the Lipscomb volleyball players have consistently displayed their athletic prowess over the last three seasons, earning themselves several stellar honors; and

WHEREAS, the team had a 28-4 overall record and a 20-0 Atlantic Sun Conference record in 2009, a 24-7 overall record and a 10-0 Atlantic Sun Conference record in 2010, and a 20-11 overall record and an 11-2 Atlantic Sun Conference record in 2011; and

WHEREAS, they were the Atlantic Sun Conference Regular Season Champions in 2009 and 2010 and the co-Regular Season Champions in 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Bisons have had eight Atlantic Sun All-Conference Team selections, three conference All-Freshman Team selections, and eight conference All-Tournament Team Selections; and

WHEREAS, they have an overall record of 47-2 against conference opponents and a 33-2 record at home at Allen Arena over the last three years; and

WHEREAS, the Lipscomb University volleyball players are also the recipients of eleven Atlantic Sun Conference Player of the Week awards, in addition to numerous other Player of the Year awards and Tournament MVP selections; and

WHEREAS, displaying singular sportsmanship and outstanding character throughout their championship season, the Lady Bisons have conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee, and they should be commended; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Head Coach Brandon Rosenthal and the Lipscomb University Lady Bisons volleyball team on winning the 2011 Atlantic Sun Conference Tournament Championship, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.